

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strike through~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (currently amended) A gear arrangement for alternately actuating two reading/writing units for chip cards and for transporting a chip card into a withdrawal position, the arrangement comprising:

- a servomotor having a reversible direction of rotation;
- a control slide comprising an operative connection with said servomotor;
- a push-rod assigned to and disposed within each of said reading/writing units, said push rods being displaceable in a direction of movement of said chip cards;
- wherein said control slide is in another operative connection to each of said push-rods such that, when said control slide moves, said push rods execute movements in opposite directions; and
- wherein said control slide is a rack with opposite toothing formations, and the arrangement comprises carriers comprising ~~comprise~~ a gearwheel mounted therein, said gearwheel engaging a respective push rod and a toothing formation of said control slide.

2. (previously amended) The arrangement according to claim 1, wherein said units are substantially coplanar.

3. (original) The arrangement according to claim 1, wherein said operative connection and said other operative connection further comprise gearing.

4. (original) The arrangement according to claim 1, wherein said units are located within a tachograph.

5. (original) The gear arrangement according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - guide grooves for said push rods; and
 - two substantially identically configured carriers, each of said carriers comprising said guide grooves and said control slide.
6. (cancelled)
7. (currently amended) The gear arrangement according to claim 16, wherein said gearwheel comprises a pair of gearwheels, each of said pair provided with different numbers of teeth whereby when a toothed ring of said pair engages said control slide an other toothed ring engages said push rod.
8. (original) The gear arrangement according to claim 5, wherein each of said carriers further comprises a covering which, in combination with said carriers, forms a bearing housing, and wherein said carriers further comprise means for aligning bearing housings and reading/writing units in relation to one another.
9. (original) The gear arrangement according to claim 8, wherein said means for aligning are integrally formed on the carriers.
10. (original) The gear arrangement according to claim 5, wherein at least said carriers are designed as a component which can be fastened in a tachograph.
11. (original) The gear arrangement according to claim 10, further comprising a reduction gear, said reduction gear including bearing means provided between said servomotor and said control slide.
12. (original) The gear arrangement according to claim 11, wherein said bearing means are formed in said component.